

SENATE RESOLUTION 207

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Alexxas Janay Johnson upon her graduation from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic achievement, have distinguished themselves in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Alexxas Janay Johnson is one such exceptional individual, who will graduate from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law this spring, marking the culmination of years of devoted study and the beginning of a bright career; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable tenure as a law student, Ms. Johnson garnered first place in the 2022 Southern Region BLSA Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition and was the recipient of the 2021 D'Army Bailey Scholarship, a participant in the 2021 Netflix Legal Mentoring Program, a 2021-2022 member of the Moot Court Board, 2021-2022 president of the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), and the recipient of the 2019 Northeast Black Law Students Association Pre-Law Scholarship, to name but a few of her accolades and leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta, Alexxas Johnson also served as election commissioner of the Student Bar Association, fundraising and event coordinator of the BLSA, and a graduate assistant for the Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law; and

WHEREAS, she was named a quarterfinalist and awarded Best Brief at the 2021 National BLSA Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition and named a Top 10 Oral Advocate in the 2020 Advanced Moot Court Competition and a Top 8 in Freshman Moot Court Competition; and

WHEREAS, prior to attending law-school, Alexxas Johnson earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Memphis, where she was a graduate student representative and Marketing and Diversity & Inclusion graduate assistant for the College of Business and an assistant career counselor and event coordinator for the Professional Development Center; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama, where she was a Regions Scholar, a Spanish outreach instructor, and Social Media and Marketing Officer for the National Association of Black Accountants; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her studies, Alexxas Johnson has amassed a great deal of experience in the legal realm that will certainly serve her well as she charts her course with Juris Doctorate in hand; she has clerked for Rice, Caperton, Rice, PLLC; Lewis Thomason; and Glassman, Wyatt, Tuttle, and Cox. She also served as an extern for the Honorable Judge Bernice Donald of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Memphis and a legal business analyst intern with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Alexxas Johnson's display of leadership and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Alexxas Johnson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and congratulate Alexxas Janay Johnson upon her graduation from the University of Memphis Cecil C.

Humphreys School of Law, salute her academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.